

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowability of claims 65-73 and 76-82. Claims 72, 74, 75 and 82 have been cancelled and rewritten as newly added claims. Claims 71, 73, and 76-81 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that no elements of the previously submitted claims have been amended but rather the claims have been reordered for presentation purposes (for example, claims 71 and 72 were rewritten as 83 and 84) and/or resubmitted as separate dependent claims. Claims 83-167 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification, for example, on page 5, lines 5-9 and page 28, lines 37-39, and in the originally filed claims. Accordingly, claims 65-167 are currently pending in the application. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the claims as currently pending after the amendments herein is provided as Appendix A.

An information disclosure statement citing the references of record in parent 08/599,226, and Form 1449 also is being filed in the above-referenced application per the Examiner's request.

Rejection of Claims 74 and 75 Under 35 U.S.C § 112, Second Paragraph

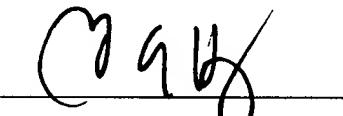
The Examiner has rejected claims 74 and 75 as containing improper Markush group members which are not art recognized as autoimmune diseases, specifically pointing out osteoarthritis, gouty arthritis, an allergy, and nephrotic syndrome. It is respectfully submitted that claims 74 and 75 have been cancelled and rewritten such that each disorder is set forth in a separate dependent claim. Thus, the above rejection does not pertain to the newly amended claims

SUMMARY

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that any amendments and/or cancellations of the claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to the Examiner's rejections and/or objections.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' Attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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